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NSC BRIEFING

16 May 1957

SITUATION IN INDONESIA

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I. [] prospects for civil war in Indonesia greater than at any time since abortive Communist uprising in 1948.

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A. [] compromise still possible, but chances appear to be fading.

II. Although both sides have expressed desire to avoid "drastic consequences," position of dissident regional commanders and central gov't becoming increasingly rigid.

A. Sumatrans angry at Sukarno's decree imposing "guided democracy" and arrests of Sumatran officials.

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C. Lt. Col. Sanual, Commander in East Indonesia (HQ-Makassar) has refused to relinquish his command as ordered by Djakarta.

1. Premier Djuanda in Makassar trying patch up settlement.

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III. Tougher Gov't position indicated by 12 May statement that gov't "cannot allow existence of movements which endanger unity of state".

A. Djuanda also told parliament (which reconvened on 13th) that it could debate government policies to heart's content, but that cabinet would not submit to vote of confidence.

IV. Voroshilov now on tour with Sukarno through loyal areas, plugging

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